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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Narihito SANO et al.  
Title: CASE, ELECTRIC MOTOR AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING THE ELECTRIC MOTOR  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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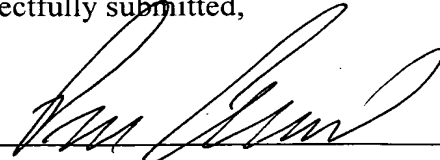
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1 and 2, drawn to a case, for prosecution in the subject application. In addition, by way of preliminary amendment being filed concurrently herewith, new claims 11 and 12 are being added that are part of Group I.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed.Cir. 1995) of method claim 10.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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